

Draft Minutes
of the meeting of
Yatton Parish Council
held on
Monday 11 March 2019
at Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting opened: 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed: 10.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Jonathan Edwards, Chris Jackson, Graham Humphreys, Robert Jenner, Ian Payne, Massimo Morelli, James Macqueen, Caroline Sheard, Bryan Thomas, Peter Lomas and Roger Wood.

Also in attendance: Clerk, Rev Tim Scott, District Councillor Jill Iles, PCSO Cheryl Burns, Parish Liaison Officer John Wilkinson, 3 representatives from Yatton Village Hall Management Committee and 10 members of the public.

Prayers were led by Rev Tim Scott.

Rev Tim Scott advised he will not be able to lead prayers until November 2019 due to going on sabbatical. He would endeavor to find someone to take prayers during his absence.

A presentation and update were received from North Somerset Council Officers on the pre-application consultation on the new school at North End. Members of the public raised strong objections to the position of the school buildings close to the boundaries of their properties as this had not been the case at the outline stage of the planning process.

North Somerset Council in the response to the pre-application consultation comments had revised the possible site layout so one of the building was moved on the site away from such close proximity by turning its position on the site. They had also changed the size of pitch which moved the goal areas further away from property boundaries.

However residents were not fully satisfied by this amendment, they still wished to see both phases of building positioned at the road front side of the site with all play area to the rear. They expressed they were not concerned with the noise of playing children just the close proximity of the building and that impact on their living conditions.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

COU73/19: Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Crossman, Wendy Griggs and Martyn Hooper.

COU74/19: Declarations of interests by Parish Councillors and grants of dispensations

Councillor Jonathan Edwards declared a non-disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 as he was married to the Chairman of the Yatton Village Hall Committee. He wished to leave the room during discussion of the item and asked the Council if due to the absence of Vice Chair of Council David Crossman if they would agree to Councillor Robert Jenner chairing agenda item 8.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Robert Jenner would take the Chair for agenda item 8.

*** Members agreed to hear the police report next to allow PCSO Cheryl Burns to return to her duties.

COU75/19 Police Report.

PCSO's Cheryl Burn outlined the mix of crimes since 4th January – 28th February 2019 which included thefts from vehicles (reduced since last report), some drug dealing some small incidents of fires being lit in a number of locations, theft of contractor's power tools from containers on Chestnut Park but no incidents of domestic burglary.

Investigations into the masked man in the area of Hangstones Pavilion and Well Lane were on going. Police Beat surgeries were to be held 30th March 2 pm at Hangstones, 2nd May 10am – 2pm) and 23rd May (3.30 – 5.30 pm) both at the precinct and one is due to be arranged at the Medical Centre.

Yatton was to be part of a new pilot scheme for TSSO officers providing an officer that was trained in paramedics, police and fire service trained.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COU76/19: Public participation

A representative of the Village Hall Management Committee spoke in support of the grant application under agenda item 8. She gave details of fundraising and grant applications that the Committee had done and the background to hall improvements and the urgency of the roof repairs.

A member of the public spoke regarding the need for the Army Cadets to find alternative accommodation for their meetings. He asked if the Parish Council might consider having a portacabin at Hangstones though alternatives were still being explored elsewhere. This maybe a future agenda item for Full Council or Amenities.

North Somerset Councillor's report.

District Councillor Jill Iles advised that the Moor Road application was going to the Planning and Regulatory Committee 15th March. She was to request a site meeting due to the sensitivity of the site.

North Somerset Council Parish Liaison Officer Report.

John Wilkinson advised of a number of changes in senior positions at North Somerset Council and that Council tax had been increased by 2.75%. A request was made for John to chase a response from North Somerset Council Officers on the decision taken by the Parish Council on the new cemetery at the January 2019 Council meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan Updates

The Yatton Neighbourhood Development referendum was to take place 11th April with the results being announced on the 12th.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

COU77/19: Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 January 2019.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

COU78/19: Exclusion of public

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 12 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the commercial interest of the companies who provided competitive quotes.

COU79/19: Finance

To authorise payments, including to note receipts and petty cash for March 2019.

RESOLVED: to authorise payments, including to note receipts and petty cash for March 2019.

COU80/19: To consider the drawings for the alterations to Hangstones Pavilion.

RESOLVED: to approve the drawings of alterations to Hangstones apart from the columns on the porch and to request that following this change the plans were submitted to North Somerset Council.

*** Chair Jonathan Edwards left the room for the following item, as agreed Councillor Robert Jenner took the chair.

COU81/19: To consider a grant application from the Yatton Village Hall Management Committee for assistance in repair of a flat roof.

RESOLVED: to support the grant application to a limit of £16,000.

The grant was to be paid on receipt of all requested information including further quotes in order to comply with Parish Council financial regulation, audit process and procedure.

*** During the next item Councillor Massimo Morelli gave apologies due to feeling unwell and left the meeting.

COU82/19 To consider a request to stop up the public highway (strip along the side of the pavement and a triangle of ground) adjacent to Lestrem House Frost Hill Yatton.

A proposal was made and seconded to refuse the request. An amendment was proposed and seconded to support the request, members voted on the amendment first.

RESOLVED: to support the stopping up of the public highway adjacent to Lestrem House as described above.

COU83/19 To approve a calendar of meetings 2019-20.

RESOLVED: to approve the calendar 2019-20.

COU84/19 To receive an update on the provision for dog bin emptying in the Parish.

The contract for emptying the dog bins had become a very urgent matter since the loss of the previous contractor and the interim service not proving to be fully reliable. The value of the contract approx. £5,500 would normally under financial regulations be taken to Full Council. In light of the urgency to resolve the lack of service the quotes for a new contractor had been taken to the Amenities and Properties Committee meeting with the agreement of Chair of Council and the Chair of that Committee on 25th February. The Committee had appointed a new contractor who had commence the contract immediately with all necessary paperwork now completed.

COU85/19 To consider quotes for the Parish Council insurance. Confidential item.

Councillors Peter Lomas and Ian Payne had fully assessed the schedules presented with the quotes prior to the meeting to ensure they were all compatible in the insurance cover they offered.

RESOLVED: to appoint WPS as the insurance provider for the next three years.
Cost £2,451.17 including all taxes and the cost of the separate motor policy for the tractor.
Cost in second and third year change subject to index linking and additions.

Matters for Information

COU86/19: Clerk's report.

- i) A card had been received from Viv Wathen's family thanking the Parish Council for attending Vi's funeral and for giving him a guard of honour at the funeral service.
- ii) A resident had asked permission to carry out metal detecting on parish council land, members did not wish to allow this.
- iii) A letter of appreciation for keeping a resident informed about the decision in January regarding the new cemetery had been received.
- iv) The Clerk advised members of the time frame for purdah ahead of the May 2nd elections.

COU87/19: Future agenda items

- i) Road Safety Working Group Report.
- ii) Fracking
- iii) Relationship with PACT.

Chairman

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